

A MEETING OF THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008 AT 8:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Ron Carroll, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Elizabeth Coyle.

OTHERS: Brian Dixon and Rob Sartell, EMC, Kelly Welsh and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Utz moved to approve the May 22nd meeting minutes, Ms. Coyle second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Utz moved to approve May 23rd work session minutes, Mr. Carroll second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Carroll discussed an article that he read in the paper regarding MSD requiring back-flow monitors. Said article is on file with the City Clerk's office. He asked Ms. Welsh to talk with IN-AWC regarding putting a message on the bills regarding this matter.

BIDS:

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS

Tim Crawford stated that on the bills when they put the message about the back-flow preventers' she could have them call him or Brian Dixon at EMC.

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Jason Copperwaite re: Stonecrest (812) 738-4124

Mr. Copperwaite addressed the board on behalf of his clients SDF, he stated that they have changed their plan so that there are no commercial components and they have increased the number of apartments. He stated that they will need 7100 credits and he has contacted IDEM

Mr. Buchanan asked him how many additional credits they will need.

Mr. Copperwaite stated that he will need an additional 71,600 credits to Basin 35.

Mr. Buchanan stated that it is his opinion that he first needs to go through Hans Peterson to get a capacity certification.

Ms. Coyle stated that she would agree with Mr. Buchanan.

Mr. Carroll stated that he doesn't think that they will be building this all out at once so they need to get the certification first and then go from there.

Richard Smith, Icon Developments stated that once they get started on the project they will have a full build out very quickly.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the number of credits needed for this project and how quickly they will need the credits approved to keep their project on schedule.

Mr. Buchanan stated that he thinks that they need to approve their credits because they are going to help pay for the Basin 35 project. He stated that he thinks what they need to do for Stonecrest is to approve the credits contingent upon IDEM and EPA approval and a signed agreement for the time

Ms. Coyle stated that she would prefer that they get the capacity study before they approve this.

Mr. Copperwaite stated that his client wants to know if there was any lead way with the study because they have already paid to have two done.

Ms. Coyle stated that they are the ones that changed the design and because of that they need to have a new study done.

Ms. Coyle made a motion to approve the credits contingent upon a capacity certification and approval by IDEM and EPA, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - David Ruckman re: request 8 credits in the Oaks section 5 on Georgetown line

Mr. Ruckman presented a drawing of the Oaks and discussed a force main that is going past this section of The Oaks and he would like to connect 10 of the houses to this line due to failing septic systems.

Mr. Buchanan stated that if these are built out one at a time and he does not know if this needs to be approved because they will have to get building permits for each lot and he is not sure they want to use their credits for this.

Mr. Dixon stated that it is in the Georgetown system

Mrs. Coyle stated that she has concerns because they will eventually be taken off their system and they do not want to inherit a system that is overloaded.

Mr. Utz asked if there had ever been a discussion with IDEM regarding credits that have already been allocated to Georgetown if they get off of the system.

Mr. Ruckman stated that he is not sure what will happen then but right now they have to go through this body.

Mrs. Coyle asked if Georgetown had an ordinance regarding how far away the sewer lines had to be.

Mr. Dixon said it was a state statute.

Mr. Ruckman stated that they applied for a construction permit from IDEM for any type of sewer extension and there is an exemption that if your house is next to the line you can just tap into it.

Mr. Utz asked where Hans told him they would tie in at.

Mr. Ruckman stated that they are showing a 12 inch line at State Street and that would be one location they tie in to. He stated that if it is an 8 inch line then they might run into some problems.

Mr. Utz stated that he does not think they are in a position to award 147,000 credits and asked if this was going to be done in phases

Mr. Ruckman stated that it was.

Mr. Utz stated that he thinks they need to break it down.

Mr. Ruckman stated that their most pressing need is with the _____ site as far as construction plans go and it is a small amount of the over all credits.

Mr. Dixon stated that they need to pay to have a capacity study done by Hans Peterson and they need to figure out how much flow they are going to take into which basin. He stated that anything above 15,500 has to have certification from Mr. Peterson and he needs to figure out how they are going to split up these credits.

Mr. Buchanan stated that they might need to break it up into different phases.

Mr. Dixon stated that all he needs from the board is an allocation letter for IDEM.

Mr. Buchanan stated that he thinks that they need to approve his allocation letter

Mr. Utz moved to approve the request for the capacity that is needed for these 10 lots that will go towards the Georgetown allocation, Ms. Coyle second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ruckman presented a drawing for Knob Hill planned unit development. He stated that it is a large project but they will be doing this in phases and he stated that the first phase will be 27 homes. He stated that this is a 10 year build out. He stated that he needs sewer credits for this project and it will be on the Georgetown sewer lines so he does not know if this will be credits from the City or from Georgetown's allocation.

Mr. Buchanan stated that he believes that they should approve the capacity allocation, but he does not think that they should be using their credits for Georgetown projects when they will be coming off next year. Or they may want to sit on the Georgetown projects until we know where they are with getting off of the New Albany system.

Item #3 - Kevin Ricketts re: tapping 4119 St. Joseph Road onto sewers

Mr. Ricketts was not present.

Item #4 - Pat Brierly, on behalf of Pat Kelley re: request for 147,020 credits for Summit Springs.

Mr. Brierly addressed the board regarding Summit Springs credits. He stated that he and Tina went through the project and she assured him that it would not be a problem to get these credits

Mr. Utz stated that they are not in a position to approve this many credits because it will take all the credits that they have left.

Mr. Dixon stated that he needs to get a capacity study done with Hans Peterson and figure out how they are going to split their flow.

Mr. Buchanan stated that the board owes it to the developer to let them know that they can not currently issue all these credits because it will take all the credits that they have left.

Mr. Windell stated that this will be done in phases and they will not need all of the credits at once and they will get a schedule together for the board and they appreciate that they are willing to work together to get through this project.

Mr. Utz made a motion for Hans Peterson to do a capacity study for the full 147,000 credits, Ms. Coyle second, all voted in favor.

Item #5 - Wesley Shoemaker, 502-554-2247 re: adjustment for filling swimming pool.

Mr. Shoemaker stated that he would like to get his bill adjusted because he had to refill his pool.

Mr. Utz moved to adjust the sewer portion of the bill, Mr. Carroll second, all voted in favor.

Item #6 - Summer Watering Plan

Mrs. Welsh stated that her office has had a lot of calls for sewer adjustments due to customers filling their pool and she believes that this would be reduced if they would change the summer watering program to start in May rather than June.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the issues involved with changing the months of the summer watering program.

Mr. Utz made a motion that the summer watering program would go from May through October, Ms. Carroll second, all voted in favor.

Item #7 - Sewer Rate Adjustment

Mrs. Welsh presented information from the Mayor's office requesting that the sewer rate be increased to cover the cost of bond's

Mr. Carroll stated that he wanted to clarify that they are not increasing the sewer rate or taking out this bond in order to pave the streets. The sewer rate bond and the paving bond are two different issues and he wants to make sure that is clear for the public. He stated that they are looking at the bond and increasing the fees in order to make the sewer utility self sufficient.

Mr. Buchanan recommended that the board authorize the ordinances that are presently before the council knowing that they may modify.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the issues the sewer utility is facing and what they will recommend to the council in order to make the sewer utility self-sufficient.

Mr. Buchanan stated that the motion should be to consider the rates and ordinances before the council the sewer board

The board decided to have a special meeting on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the sewer rates.

Mrs. Welsh presented a proposal from Keystone to bring everything in house for billing so that we no longer have to pay large amounts of money to IN-AWC, the utility will have more control over their own accounts and they would no longer have to use L&D Mail master to mail the bills.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposal and how this could increase the revenue of the sewer utility.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Clark Dietz re: Project Update

Mr. Christmas reviewed his memo outlining the current sewer projects and where they currently stand, which is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Item #2 - Donohue re: Project Update

Mr. Elling stated that the pre-construction meeting for the grit screen build will be today at 1:00 p.m. if anyone is interested in coming. He presented a map and his proposals for barricading the depression next to the 15th Street line.

Ms. Coyle stated that there is really no way to fully barricade these depressions because the train will knock down the barricades.

Mr. Elling stated that what he needs to know is if these are sufficient for the board.

Mr. Utz stated that this looks sufficient to him.

Mr. Elling stated that at the last work session they asked that he put together an agreement. He also informed them that with all the emergency work he has been doing on the 15th street line and the screen project he has gone through the all the funds that were allocated in his on-call contract. He informed him that he believes that an additional \$50,000 should get them through the grit screen project and the 15th Street emergency work.

Mr. Utz moved to approve \$50,000 for the on-call contract, Mr. Carroll second, all voted in favor.

EMC REPORT:

Mr. Dixon reported that basin 7 cleaning and televising is completed. He stated that on Basin 16 he has prepared a project list that he will be sending out for bids. He stated that Basin 5 is the next are that they will be preparing a list of deficiencies for and he knows that these are deep lines and there are several deficiencies. He stated that 7 of the 10 projects in basin 15 are completed and the construction in the alley behind Culbertson and Oak is 95% finished they only need to do the asphalt work and they are waiting for the rock to settle prior to doing that. He stated that he received a call from AT&T because they have a manhole that is sinking on 15th Street and they want to be contacted when the city is going to be making repairs so that they can fix their manhole as well.

Mr. Utz moved to approve the proposed repairs for Basin 16, Ms. Coyle second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Buchanan stated that they had discussed moving the McLean Lift Station up on the project list.

Mr. Utz moved to proceed with the engineering on the McLean lift Station, Ms. Coyle second, all voted in favor.

CLAIMS:

Mr. Dixon presented the following invoices for payment:

(Never received this information from Mr. Dixon)

Mr. Utz disputed the amount of the increase on EMC's invoice for the NPDES permitting and

Mr. Buchanan stated that he has looked at the contract and he thinks that is in line but he had a question on the CPI increase and additional lab help.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the EMC Contract and how they figured the NPDES permit percentage.

Mr. Utz stated that they should approve the \$277,950.10 for May and June.

Mr. Crawford stated that they could do that.

Mr. Carroll moved to change the the EMC claims to \$277,950.10 and approve all other claims as presented, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Carroll, Chairman

Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk